

**PARISH OF CALDWELL,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Caldwell is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	10,293	2,683,516
1960	9,004	3,257,022
1970	9,354	3,644,637
1980	10,761	4,205,900
1990	9,810	4,219,973
1991	9,834	4,251,560
1992	9,877	4,287,195
1993	9,935	4,295,477
1994	10,076	4,315,085
1995	10,263	4,339,352
1996	10,158	4,350,579
1997	10,162	4,351,769
1998	10,666	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Caldwell are as follows:

YEAR	CLARKS	COLUMBIA	GRAYSON
1960	940	1,021	428
1970	889	1,000	516
1980	931	687	564
1990	650	386	529
1991	650	386	528
1992	660	392	521
1993	663	523	521
1994	692	524	544
1995	693	524	544
1996	673	525	544
1997	1,136	525	544
1998	1,144	525	544

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$11,191	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,586	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,503	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$14,249	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$15,000	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$14,839	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$15,614	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$15,892	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Caldwell Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$387,967	\$93,980	\$23,295	\$48,211	\$10,704	\$120,391
1992	\$420,468	\$89,596	\$25,977	\$59,647	\$14,454	\$123,822
1993	\$442,431	\$88,422	\$27,076	\$63,795	\$14,881	\$137,455
1994	\$579,410	\$138,145	\$47,151	\$74,153	\$16,748	\$181,202
1995	\$656,794	\$147,241	\$52,374	\$77,655	\$20,033	\$215,887
1996	\$738,237	\$162,184	\$61,188	\$81,560	\$22,604	\$252,001
1997	\$791,048	\$158,584	\$55,682	\$82,205	\$20,678	\$260,125

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Caldwell as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
CALDWELL PARISH	5		5	4	9
COLUMBIA	4	1	5	4	9

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$4,387	\$4,614	\$4,796	\$6,632	\$5,834
February	\$4,426	\$3,940	\$5,279	\$5,346	\$5,468
March	\$3,261	\$4,735	\$4,123	\$4,594	\$4,244
April	\$5,364	\$4,605	\$4,765	\$5,271	\$5,739
May	\$4,101	\$4,110	\$5,045	\$4,670	\$5,043
June	\$3,713	\$3,492	\$4,706	\$4,916	\$4,515
July	\$4,934	\$6,989	\$5,962	\$6,087	\$6,669
August	\$4,417	\$4,357	\$4,511	\$5,555	\$6,012
September	\$4,442	\$5,497	\$6,617	\$5,134	\$4,771
October	\$4,691	\$4,835	\$5,644	\$6,869	\$6,110
November	\$4,544	\$6,533	\$5,157	\$4,745	\$5,504
December	\$5,934	\$4,696	\$4,622	\$4,204	\$4,620
Annual Total	\$54,214	\$58,402	\$61,226	\$64,024	\$64,528

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Caldwell is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$17,025,980	\$7,867,500	\$24,893,480
1991	\$16,999,760	\$7,869,510	\$24,869,270
1992	\$17,630,660	\$7,806,730	\$25,437,390
1993	\$18,275,338	\$7,713,929	\$25,989,267
1994	\$18,907,588	\$7,652,200	\$26,559,788
1995	\$19,475,595	\$7,754,009	\$27,229,604
1996	\$21,935,947	\$9,001,495	\$30,937,442
1997	\$22,511,056	\$9,275,076	\$31,786,132
1998	\$22,948,853	\$9,558,177	\$32,507,030

Source: Caldwell Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$14,424,680	\$4,317,370	\$6,151,430
1991	\$14,245,990	\$4,571,360	\$6,051,920
1992	\$14,715,830	\$4,917,630	\$5,803,930
1993	\$14,875,197	\$5,209,580	\$5,904,490
1994	\$15,069,478	\$5,427,850	\$6,062,460
1995	\$15,420,154	\$5,719,340	\$6,090,110
1996	\$18,398,002	\$6,094,730	\$6,444,710
1997	\$18,830,212	\$6,225,720	\$6,730,200
1998	\$19,334,580	\$6,447,030	\$6,725,420

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Caldwell follows:

Year	Millage
1990	119.39
1991	115.21
1992	116.27
1993	116.76
1994	118.90
1995	116.31
1996	122.63
1997	111.93
1998	118.10

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Caldwell Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Caldwell in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. TEXAS GAS TRANSMISSION CORP.	\$2,120,800
2. LOUISIANA POWER & LIGHT CO.	\$1,691,240
3. PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, LP	\$1,471,410
4. SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE	\$1,138,280
5. CALDWELL BANK & TRUST COMPANY	\$829,420
6. SUSTAINABLE FORESTS, LLC	\$765,870
7. HOMELAND FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK	\$719,470
8. NOE CORP. L.L.C.	\$525,400
9. CITIZENS PROGRESSIVE BANK	\$509,810
10. TRUNKLINE GAS COMPANY	\$414,090

Source: Caldwell Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Caldwell Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	1,842	1,932	1,968	1,937
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	1,973	2,042	2,074	2,052
PUBLIC	2,058	2,099	2,058	2,073

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Caldwell Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$22,039	\$22,289	\$23,289	\$27,016
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,483	\$4,465	\$4,869	\$5,006
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$591,633	\$0	\$0	\$447,708
DEBT SERVICE	\$249,387	\$248,762	\$250,294	\$246,672
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$8,843,663	\$9,027,590	\$9,520,740	\$9,922,624

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.